

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway Street
Columbia, CA 95310

PROJECT TITLE: Vegetation Removal

LOCATION: Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park **COUNTY:** Amador

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: Remove vegetation and conduct pile burning in a 300 foot wide by 1.5 mile length strip at Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park to reduce the threat of disease, wildfire, and improve native forest composition and structure.

Work will manually remove excessive surface fuels and ladder fuels, live shrubs, and small diameter understory trees up to 8" in diameter breast height on 21.65 acres; prune trees up to 20 feet or 1/3 crown if less than 20' tall; reduce dead and downed fuel loadings from over 10 tons per acre to less than 3 tons per acre; remove hazardous large diameter snags; retain wildlife supporting large snags and a variety of age classes and species of trees; and pile vegetation in 4' by 4' piles for burning.

No ground disturbing equipment will be utilized. Work will occur only during normal operating hours (8am to 5pm) to lessen noise disturbance to adjacent landowners. Halt work and contact a California State Parks Archaeologist in case of accidental discovery of cultural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Central Valley District

EXEMPT STATUS:

☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 & 4

Section: 15301, 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: Project consists of maintenance or minor alteration of existing public facilities or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination; and minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry purposes.

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